

The second part of

John I giue thee leaue to tell me, so I lay aside that which growes to me, if thou getst any leaue of me, hang me, if thou takst leaue, thou wert better be hangd, you hunt cōuter, hence, auant.

Serv. Sir, my Lord would speake with you.

Iust. Sir Iohn Falstaffe, a word with you.

Falst. My good Lord, God giue your lordship good time of day, I am glad to see your lordship abroad, I heard say your lordship was sicke, I hope your lordship goes abroad by aduise, your lordship, though not clean past your youth, haue yet some smack of an ague in you, some relish of the saltnes of time in you, and I most humbly beseech your lordship to haue a reuerend care of your health.

Iustice Sir Iohn, I sent for you before your expedition to Shrewsbury.

Sir Iohn Andt please your lordship, I heare his maiesty is returned with some discomfort from Wales.

Iust. I talke not of his maiesty, you would not come when I sent for you.

Falst. And I heare moreouer, his highnes is falne into this same horson apoplexi.

Iust. Well, God mend him, I pray you let me speake with you.

Falst. This appoplexi as I take it is a kind of lethergie, andt please your lordship, a kind of sleeping in the bloud, a horson tingling.

Iust. What tell you me of it, be it as it is.

Falst. It hath it originall from much griefe, from study, and perturbation of the braine, I haue read the cause of his effects in Galen, it is a kind of deafenes.

Iust. I think you are falne into the disease, for you heare not what I say to you.

Old. Very wel my lord, very wel, rather andt please you it is the disease of not listning, the maladie of not marking that I am troubled withall.

Iust. To punish you by the keeles, would amend the attention

Henry the fourth.

tion of your cares, and I care not if I doe become your phisitian.

Falst. I am as poore as Iob my lord, but not so pacient, your Lordship may minister the potion of imprisonment to me, in respect of pouerty, but how I should be your pacient to follow your prescriptions, the wise may make som dramme of a scruple, or indeede a scruple it selfe.

Iust. I sent for you when there were matters against you for your life to come speake with me.

Falst. As I was then, aduise by my learned counsaile in the lawes of this land seruice, I did not come.

Iust. Wel, the truth is sir Iohn, you liue in great infamy.

Falst. He that buckles himselfe in my belt cannot liue in lesse.

Iust. Your meanes are very slender, and your waste is great.

Falst. I would it were otherwise, I would my meanes were greater and my waste slender.

Iust. You haue missed the youthfull prince.

Falst. The yong prince hath missed me, I am the fellow with the great belly, and he my dogge.

Iust. Wel, I am loth to gall a new heald wound, your daies seruice at Shrewsbury, hath a little guilded ouer your nights exploit on Gadshill, you may thanke th vnquiet time, for your quiet oreposting that action.

Falst. My lord.

Iust. But since all is well, keepe it so, wake not a sleeping wolfe.

Falst. To wake a wolfe, is as bad as smell a fox.

Iust. VVhat you are as a candle, the better part, burnt out.

Falst. A wassel candle my lord, at tallow, if I did say of wax, my growth would approue the truth.

Iust. There is not a white haire in your face, but should haue his effect of grauity.

Falst. His effect of grauy, graue, graue.

Iust. You follow the yong prince vp and downe, like his ill angell.